



This 1984 edition of *BLACK IS...* continues the tradition of the Boston Public Library's celebration of Black History Month in February of each year. The selective list was compiled by a committee—Olive Knight, Dudley Branch, chairperson; Lois Henry, General Library; Jacquelyn Hogan, Mattapan/Grove Hall Branches; Dorothy Martin, Fields Corner Branch; and Kate Waters, General Library, Young Adult Room.

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### **Blacks Abroad**

### The African Slave Trade (rev. ed.)

Basil Davidson
The effect of the slave trade on the people and culture of Africa.

#### The Africans

David Lamb International and local politics affect the powerful and the powerless.

# Ake: The Years of Childhood

Wole Soyinka Reminiscences of the clash between tribal and Christian beliefs in Nigeria.

# Crisis in Africa: Battleground of East and West

Arthur Gavshon

# The Falashas: The Forgotten Jews of Ethiopia

David Kessler From the Queen of Sheba legend to modern times.

# Human Cargoes: The British Slave Trade to Spanish American, 1700-1739

Colin A. Palmer

# \*Itations of Jamaica and I Rastafari

Millard Faristzaddi Photo essay of Rastafarian culture in Jamaica.

<sup>\*</sup>Suitable for Young Adults

# The Mbuti Pygmies: Change and Adaptation

Colin M. Turnbull Erosion of traditional lifestyle.

### Portrait of a People: A Personal Photographic Record of the South African Liberation Struggle

Eli Weinberg 1940's-1960's.

### \*Reggae International

Stephen Davis and Peter Simon Jamaican protest music spreads overseas.

### Robben Island: Ten Years as a Political Prisoner in South Africa's Most Notorious Penitentiary Indres Naidoo as told to Albie Sachs

Senegal: An African Nation Between Islam and the West Sheldon Gellar

# Tanzania: An African Experiment

Rodger Yeager
Two decades of progressive social revolution under Julius Nyerere.

### War in Uganda: The Legacy of Idi Amin

Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey Two journalists travel with Tanzanian troops in Uganda.

Women under Apartheid: In Photographs and Text

# History

### Anatomy of a Lynching: The Killing of Claude Neal

James R. McGovern
"One of the most bestial crimes ever committed by a mob." —Walter White, NAACP.

# **Before Color Prejudice: The Ancient View of Blacks**

Frank M. Snowden, Jr.
From the Pharaohs to the Caesars.

### Blacks and White TV: Afro-Americans in Television Since 1948

J. Fred MacDonald "Never have so many Blacks appeared on television, yet never has their image been more stereotyped."

### Blacks in the Law: Philadelphia and the Nation

Geraldine R. Segal Insights into the legal profession with emphasis on 16 cities.

# Chain of Change: Struggles for Black Community Development

Mel King Focus on Boston.

# Free Man of Color: The Autobiography of Willis Augustus Hodges

Edited, with an introduction by Willard B. Gatewood, Jr. Champion of the antebellum reform movements of abolition, suffrage, temperance and education.

### Gatekeepers of Black Culture: Black-Owned Book Publishing in the United States, 1817-1981

Donald Franklin Joyce Growth of and projection for the industry.

# Hearts and Mind: The Anatomy of Racism from Roosevelt to Reagan

Harry S. Ashmore White Southern newspaper editor traces the Civil Rights Movement.

# Invisible Men: Life in Baseball's Negro Leagues

Donn Rogosin

# Long Memory: The Black Experience in America

Mary Frances Berry and John W. Blassingame Investigates the themes of family and church, sex and racism, politics, education, criminal justice and Black nationalism.

# The State Against Blacks

Walter E. Williams
Statutory basis for economic handicaps.

### When I Was Coming Up: An Oral History of Aged Blacks

Audrey O. Faulkner et al.

### **Personalities**

\*Baseball's Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and His Legacy Jules Tygiel Robinson and Rickey and the effect of professional baseball's integration on American athletics and society.

### \*Darryl Stingley: Happy To Be Alive

Darryl Stingley with Mark Mulvoy The New England Patriots wide receiver discusses his quadriplegia, its aftermath and violence in pro football.

### Father Divine and the Struggle for Racial Equality

Robert Weisbrot A positive portrait of Father Divine during the Great Depression.

### \*For the Ancestors: Autobiographical Memories

Bessie Jones Glimpses of her life among poor Georgia Blacks by an octogenarian spirituals singer.

#### \*Katherine Dunham

James Haskins
The world-renowned dancer, choreographer and anthropologist.

### \*Live and Off-Color News Biz

Bob Teague Local New York television exposed by a newscasting veteran of twenty years.

### Louis Armstrong: An American Genius

James Lincoln Collier How a rough, New Orleans waif became the musical genius of his era.

### Marva Collins' Way

Marva Collins

"Goodbye to failure, children. Welcome to success." The unorthodox teaching methods of an outspoken Chicago educator.

### \*Migrations of the Heart

Marita Golden

A young American woman in Nigeria is tyrannized by traditional sexist roles.

### Miles Davis: A Biography

Ian Carr

The trumpeter: his survival and growth—and always his music.

# Papa Jack: Jack Johnson and the Era of White Hopes

Randy Roberts

In and outside the ring, Johnson's colorful and often violent life relects the racial atmosphere of the early 1900's.

### 'Round About Midnight: A Portrait of Miles Davis

Eric Nisenson
The man through his music.

# **Contemporary Issues**

Black Children: Their Roots, Culture, and Learning Styles

Janice E. Hale

Black Life in Corporate America: Swimming in the Mainstream George Davis and Glegg Watson Personal struggles and rewards.

#### The Black Woman's Career Guide

Beatrice Nivens
Handbook for professionals.

# **Schools on Trial: An Inside Account of the Boston Desegregation Case**

Robert A. Dentler and Marvin B. Scott

# **Black Expression**

#### \*African Folktales

Paul Radin, ed. 81 indigenous tales.

#### \*Black Theater in America

James Haskins
Drama, comedy, and music from Ira Aldridge to
Ntozake Shange.

#### \*Chosen Poems-Old and New

Audre Lorde
"Here are the words of some of the women I have been, am being still, will come to be."

### \*Confirmation

Amiri Baraka (Le Roi Jones) and Amina Baraka An anthology of contemporary African-American women writers.

# Designs for Living: Symbolic Communication in African Art

Monni Adams
The catalogue of an exhibit of 19th and 20th century wood sculpture and surface design.

### \*Hush, Child! Can't You Hear the Music?

Rose Thompson, collector; Charles Beaumont, ed. Folktales: like an afternoon reminiscing on the front porch.

#### In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens

Alice Walker First collection of her non-fiction "womanist" prose.

# \*The Jazz Tradition (rev. ed.)

Martin Williams
The "rhythmic" theory of the evolution of jazz from King Oliver and Jelly Roll Morton to John Coltrane and Ornette Coleman.

### \*"Master Harold"...and the Boys

Athol Fugard
Desperately fearing his alcoholic father's
release from the hospital, a young white South
African lashes out at two Black friends. A play.

### \*Roots of Black Music: The Vocal, Instrumental, and Dance Heritage of Africa and Black America

Ashenafi Kebede

# \*Shaker, Why Don't You Sing?

Maya Angelou
Of love, beauty, the South, health food,
freedom, and dignity with a touch of the blues.

### Showtime at the Apollo

Ted Fox 50 years of great entertainment from Harlem's world-famous theatre.

### A Soldier's Play

Charles Fuller
Who shot the sergeant? Winner of the Pulitzer
Prize for Drama, 1982.

### \*Some One Sweet Angel Chile

Sherley Anne Williams
Poems in celebration of women "who lived on the cusp of their time and knew it."

### Those Who Ride the Night Winds

Nikki Giovanni
To those who live fully and are unafraid to speak out.

#### **Fiction**

#### **Ammahabas**

Bill Hotchkiss Jim Beckwourth's life as a Crow chief in this second of a tetralogy of the great mountain man's life.

### **Baby Sweets**

Raymond Andrews
The riotous opening night at a fancy whorehouse in a small Georgia town.

### **Black Ulysses**

Daniel Panger
Battling deprivation and hostile tribes, the
Black explorer Estevan travels over 3,000 miles
from Florida to Mexico.

#### A Chain of Voices

Andre Brink

The events leading up to an actual nineteenth-century South African slave uprising—the participants and victims.

### **Days Without Weather**

Cecil Brown
Hollywood corruption and exploitation
embitter a Black comedian and his
writer friend.

#### **Double Yoke**

Buchi Emecheta

Two Nigerian university students fall in love and attempt to reconcile the traditional subservience of the wife with modern attitudes.

### \*A Gathering of Old Men

**Ernest Gaines** 

When a brutal Cajun is killed, the many elderly Blacks who hated him stand clutching shotguns before the sheriff, each claiming to be the murderer.

#### A Measure of Time

Rosa Guy

Dorine Davis rejects her southern homeland for the hey-day of Harlem.

### **Oxherding Tales**

Charles Johnson

Andrew Hawkes becomes the lover of an eccentric plantation owner in this comic potpourri of realism, Zen philosophy and myth.

### Praisesong for the Widow

Paula Marshall

Suddenly feeling strangled in her middle-class life, a woman visits a Caribbean island and renews contact with her soul.



